

Bicentennial Bible Conference L

More than 25 different Bible teachers will be involved March 29-30 during the Mississippi Baptist Bicentennial Bible Conference at First Baptist Church in Jackson.

The conference will be sponsored by the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board. Rev. Bryant Cummings, director of the Sunday School Department for the board, will be the conference director.

Dr. Earl Kelly is executive secretary-treasurer of the board.

The conference will have five sessions, each with a general meeting and a conference period. In each of four general sessions there will be a major address, and two addresses will be presented in the fifth.

There will be three teaching conferences within the framework

of the total program. Two of them will have two sessions each and one will have a single period to make the five conference periods.

The entire program will begin at 2 p.m. on Monday and conclude following a Tuesday night address at 8:40 by Dr. W. A. Criswell, pastor of First Baptist Church, Dallas. He will speak on "What the Bible Says About A Christian's Part in a Secular World."

Each of six general session speakers will use as a theme the phrase, "What the Bible Says About..." Each will complete the theme with his topic.

The opening session speaker on Monday afternoon will be Dr. Wayne Dehoney, pastor of Walnut Street Baptist Church in Louisville, Ky. His subject will be "What the Bible Says about People."

On Monday night Dr. William E. Hull, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Shreveport, La., will speak on "What the Bible Says about Speaking in Tongues."

The two addresses will come on Tuesday morning. Dr. H. Franklin Paschall, pastor of First Baptist Church in Nashville, Tenn., will have as the subject "What the Bible Says about Angels." Dr. Donald F. Ackland of Tennessee, former staff member of the Sunday School Board, will speak on "What the Bible Says about Devils and Demons."

Dr. Jaroy Weber, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Lubbock, Texas, will be the speaker on Tuesday afternoon on "What the Bible Says About the Resurrection."

Dr. Weber is president of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Three other speakers are former presidents of the nationwide Baptist body, the nation's largest Protestant denomination. They are Dr. Dehoney, Dr. Paschall, and Dr. Criswell.

Dr. Hull was formerly on the faculty of Southern Seminary and was provost of the seminary before accepting his present pastorate.

Dr. Ackland is retired from the Sunday School Board.

Tom Larrimore, a music evangelist of Jackson, will be in charge of the music. Mrs. Clyde Bryan of Jackson will be the organist, and Ben Scarborough of Oxford will be the pianist.

All registrants will be able to participate in three teaching conferences. The first, or "Red" Section conferences will have two sessions on Monday; running from

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ing from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and from 3:20 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. The subjects and leaders for these conferences are as follows:

James, Dr. Allen Webb, pastor of Ingalls Avenue Baptist Church, Pascagoula; Romans, Dr. William W. Stevens, chairman of the Division of Religion and head of the Department of Bible at Mississippi College, Clinton; Second Timothy, Rev. Frank Gunn, pastor of First Baptist Church, Biloxi; Joshua, Dr. Brooks H. West, pastor of First Baptist Church, Hattiesburg; Revelation, Dr. Joe T. Odle, editor of The Baptist Record, Jackson; Ruth, Dr. Don Stewart, chairman of the Department of Religion and Philosophy and professor of religion at William Carey College, Hattiesburg; John, Dr. Bill Causey, pastor of

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SHATTERED VIEW—The bullet-ridden window in Beirut offers a shattered view of the once busy city. Fighting over the past months has left much of the downtown area of the city in rubble and brought business and industry to a standstill. (BP) Photo by Bob Harper.

Beirut Missionaries See Hope In New Cease-Fire

By Ruth Fowler

BEIRUT, Lebanon — Cities are seldom silent, but Beirut is quieter now than it has been in many months. The shooting has stopped. Apparently, the cease-fire is holding.

In the midst of the battle or the mourning, some Southern Baptist missionaries have remained in their place of service beside Lebanese friends. Others have left because their work was hopelessly interrupted, their children's educational needs required a move, or for other equally valid reasons. All decisions were individual and personal and fully backed by the Foreign Mission Board.

Among the missionaries who remained were James K. Ragland, Director of Beirut Baptist School; Finlay M. Graham, President of Arab Baptist Seminary; and David W. King, seminary teacher. Each man has sent cassette tapes sharing their feelings about the conflict and the continuing role of missionaries and Lebanese Baptists.

"When the fighting increased we realized a decision had to be made," Graham said. "We had students enrolled at the seminary. It was possible to carry on our work. We decided to stay."

"It's my job to be in Lebanon," Ragland said. "I needed to get the

school open if at all possible. It seems to me a missionary is called not only to share the hours of calm and peace with those God has called him to live with, but also called to share their hard times, their sorrows and their dangers. As the director of the Beirut Baptist School and acting station treasurer, I also had a moral responsibility to be here to pay employees who depend on the school for their livelihood. I felt I ought to come back to continue the witness that I tried to convey

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Conferences For Small Sunday Schools Slated

Conferences for Sunday School workers in organizations of 150 or less in enrollment are scheduled for March 8, 9, and 11 in 35 churches across the northern portion of the state.

The conferences will be sponsored by the Sunday School Department of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board. Rev. Bryant Cummings is the director.

The conferences are planned for pastors, directors, teachers, and all church-elected Sunday School officers, according to Rev. Cummings.

Items on the agenda for discussion include the Plan Book for 1975-76, Sunday School emphases for 1975-76, training Sunday School workers through the Church Study Course, directing the small Sunday School, the Sunday School Achievement Guide, the curriculum, associational training schools, ACTION, high attendance day and high attendance day goals, grading, free helps, the Cradle Roll, Bible Study Fellowships, Vacation Bible Schools, Backyard Bible Club, the assemblies, and other items.

All conferences will begin at 7 p.m. and close at 9 p.m.

Conferences for March 8 are as follows:

DeSoto Woods Church, DeSoto Association, Larry Salter, consultant, Sunday School Department, leader; Sardis Lake Church, Panola; Rev. Cummings, director, Sunday School Department, leader; First Church, Burnsville, Alcorn-Tishomingo Association, Billy Hudgens, consultant, Sunday School Department, leader;

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Gulf Coast Schedules Seaman Center Dedication

A new seaman's center is scheduled for dedication March 28 in Gulfport. It is a double wide mobile home that was purchased new and outfitted for this ministry.

The Gulf Coast Association has purchased this center. Plans are to put it in use at the entrance to the port of Gulfport as a ministry to seamen who enter the port from all over the world.

Rev. Paul Vandercook is language missions director for both Gulf Coast Association and Jackson County Association. Rev. J. W. Brister is director of missions for Gulf Coast Association.

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FMB Writes Ford; Sends \$100,000 Relief

RICHMOND (BP)—The Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board has sent a letter to President Gerald R. Ford requesting him "to take whatever steps are necessary, as soon as possible, to make clear, in our country and abroad, that missionaries and clergy throughout the world are not to be used by the Central Intelligence

Agency or any other intelligence agency of our government."

In view of recent public concern about reported use of missionaries by the CIA, the board also adopted a policy statement reaffirming its long-standing position of non-involvement of missionaries in political affairs.

The board statement on the CIA

Two Baptist Pastors Die In Guatemala Disaster

GUATEMALA CITY (BP)—Two Guatemalan Baptist pastors and at least 15 other Baptists were killed in the earthquake that shook much of the southern region of the Central American nation in early February.

Six Baptist churches were leveled and four others had structural damage. Many Guatemalan Baptists lost their homes.

U. S. Ambassador Francis E. Meloy Jr., in charge of U. S. relief efforts here, called the quake "the worst disaster that has befallen Central America in recorded history."

Baptist Pastor Boanerges Mendez died in the village of Paramos. Clemente Garay, pastor of the Baptist church in Tecpan, died there.

Honduran Baptists, who experienced a major disaster when Hurricane Fifi swept across their nation in 1974, collected a special offering to assist their Latin American neighbors to the west. A check for \$1,000 was presented to the Guatemalan Baptist Convention.

Baptists in Colombia contributed by giving blood which they have arranged to be sent to Guatemala.

An interdenominational organization of evangelical Christian groups (CEPA), has assigned Guatemalan Baptists and Southern Baptist missionaries four acres in which to concentrate their

relief efforts.

Baptists will work in Guatemala City's zone three, one of the hardest hit zones in the city.

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Laymen Music Night Features Catfish Dinner

A catfish and chicken dinner will be a feature of this year's Music Night for Laymen March 19 at Rice Acres near Jackson.

Bill Clark of Jackson, a television personality, will provide en-



Wood Clark

tertainment and serve as master of ceremonies, Jimmy Hood of McComb will lead the devotional time.

Jim "Buck" Ross, commissioner of agriculture for Mississippi, will prepare the catfish and chicken dinner to begin at 6 p.m.

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Business Officers Conference To Meet In Dallas

The 14th Annual Southern Baptist Business Officers Conference will be held in Dallas at the Annuity Board March 17 through 19, according to Wilson Beardsley, General Chairman.

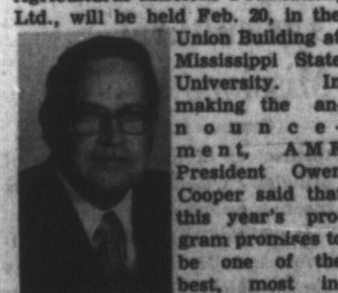
The theme for this year is "The Bicentennial and Baptist Business." Special speakers for the Conference will be Robert W. All, Mississippi College; Zig Zigler, President of a company specializing in motivation; and Lee Drain, Senior Vice-President of Republic of Texas Corporation.

The Conference has several

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Agricultural Missions Slates Annual Meeting

The sixth annual meeting of Agricultural Missions Foundation, Ltd., will be held Feb. 20, in the



Union Building at Mississippi State University. In making the announcement, AMF President Owen Cooper said that this year's program promises to be one of the best, most informative, and inspirational meetings ever held.

It will feature slide presenta-

Cancer Is Subject For Pastoral Seminar March 2

Clergymen of all denominations are invited to participate in a seminar on pastoral care of the cancer patient to be held March 2 at the Mississippi Baptist Medical Center in Jackson.

Cancer is the subject for the 16th annual pastoral care seminar to be sponsored by the Mississippi

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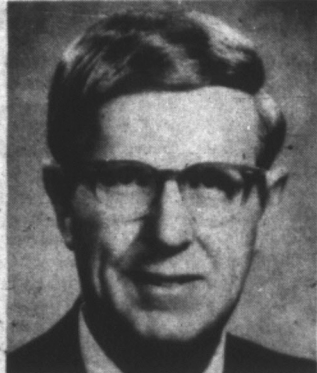


CASUALTIES INCLUDE CARS AND BUILDINGS—In the aftermath of the Feb. 4 Guatemalan earthquake, many survivors found homes and possessions demolished. While survivors search the

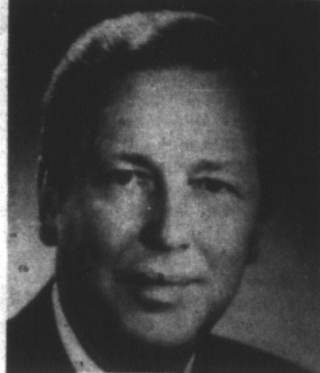
rubble for the beginnings of a new life, Southern Baptist missionaries and laymen aided them with food and medical attention. Reconstruction will soon begin. (BP) Photo by Charlie Warren.



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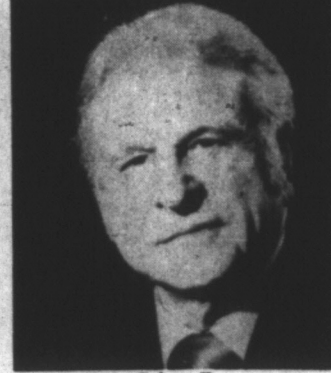
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Parkway Baptist Church, Jackson; and Philipians, Dr. P. A. Michel, pastor of First Baptist Church, Brookhaven.

The third, or "Blue" Section conferences will have only one session on Tuesday from 6:45 p.m. to 8 p.m. The subjects and leaders for these conferences are as follows:

The Priesthood of All Believers, Dr. Scott Tatum, professor of preaching at Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth; The Atonement, Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins, executive secretary emeritus of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, Jackson; Sanctification, Dr. J. Terry Young, associ-

ate professor of theology, New Orleans Seminary; Perseverance, Dr. James L. Sullivan, retired president of the Sunday School Board, Nashville; and Justification, Dr. Ray Robbins, professor of New Testament and Greek, New Orleans Seminary.

The conference outlines and the bibliography will be available free. Nursery facilities will also be available without cost for children from birth through five years of age.

There will be no registration necessary for the conference, Rev. Cummings has pointed out. Everyone who is interested will be invited and urged to attend any or all of the conference, he said.

Fellowship Of National, Southern Baptists Set

Dr. Foy Valentine, executive secretary - treasurer of the Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission, will present an inspirational message Feb. 21 during a Layman's Fellowship of National and Southern Baptists.

This annual, one-day event is sponsored by the Department of Cooperative Ministries with National Baptists of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board. Rev. Dick Brogan is the director.

Gulf Coast Schedules Center Dedication

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Though Gulf Coast Association purchased the center, it has no budget item for its furnishing. This is being handled through individual, voluntary gifts. It is estimated that \$3,000 will be needed for furniture, games, record players, and other items of equipment and furnishing.

Pickens Pastor Retires After 47-Year Career

Rev. J. Price Brock, pastor of Pickens Baptist Church at Pickens, has announced his retirement after 47 years in the pastorate. The last 23 years of his pastoral experience were spent at Pickens.

In appreciation of his service to the Pickens Church, the deacons presented Rev. Brock a plaque. At a reception given in honor of Rev. and Mrs. Brock by the church, the members gave them a money tree containing \$1,000 along with other gifts.

Rev. Brock was ordained by the Lexie Church in Waltham County, and he spent his first six months in the pastorate there. Other pastorates included East Fork Church in Amite County, where he baptized the well-known Mississippi-born comedian, Jerry Clower, and the girl who was to become his wife. This information is to be found in Clower's new book, "Ain't God Good."

Other pastorates were Moak's Creek in Lincoln County, Mount Vernon in Amite County, Gillsburg in Amite County, Thompson in Amite County, at Robinson, Mt. Zion in Pike County, and Measa in Waltham County.

He was, at Ponchatoula, La., First Baptist Church; at Citronelle, Ala.; at Baley Chitta Church in Pike County; and at Bluff Springs Church in Pike County.

While he was pastor at Robinson Rev. Brock preached four times each Sunday.

Rev. Brock attended Mississippi



Rev. Brock

College and New Orleans Seminary. He plans to continue with preaching engagements. He and Mrs. Brock have moved to Jackson and live at 1008 Winchester St. Mrs. Brock was the former Norma Jane Schilling.

They have two children. A daughter is Mrs. Jane Brock Weatherly, whose husband is a faculty member at Homes Junior College at Goodman. Dr. J. Price Brock Jr., an orthopedic surgeon in Abilene, Texas. There are four grandchildren.

Thousands in California visit Marineland, the largest oceanarium, and the largest flowering plant—the Giant Chinese Wisteria, with 1½ million blossoms, covering nearly an acre.

"Top Ten" World Religions Are Named

WHEATON — The "top ten" world religions are Roman Catholicism, 532 million members; Hinduism, 515 million members; Islam, 513 million members; Protestantism, 324 million members; Confucianism, 276 million members; Buddhism, 223 million members; Eastern Orthodoxy, 91 million members; Shintoism, 63 million members; Taoism, 31 million members; Judaism, 14 million members.

These statistics were issued recently in a leaflet, "The Church Around the World," published monthly by Tyndale House Publishers, Illinois, U.S.A.

"The total adherents of these ten religions is 2.6 billion. According to the report the earth's population is currently 3.9 billion of which 1.9 billion is controlled by Atheistic Communist governments.

The report also stated that people over 65 years are six times as numerous today as in 1900, and they are growing three times faster than the general population.

—The Australian Baptist

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villages of Paramos, San Andres, and Itzapa.

Supplies from Southern Baptists, coordinated through the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, have arrived in Guatemala and will be used mainly in the four areas. Supplies already sent include a jeep, about

Youth Workshops Under Way

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sphere, and understanding what the behavior of youth in the group is really communicating will be some of the subjects for discussion, according to Rodgers.

Two of the workshops are scheduled for Feb. 24 at Calvary Church, Starkville, and at New Salem Church in Caledonia. Rodgers will be the director at the latter meeting while Mrs. Darrell Parker of Rome, Ga., will direct the first one.

Two workshops on Feb. 26 will have Rodgers directing one at First Baptist Church, West Point and Dr. Doug Bain, associate pastor and youth director at First Baptist Church, Tupelo, will direct one at First Baptist Church, Kosciusko.

On March 29 workshops will be at Weir Baptist Church in Weir with Rodgers directing and at First Baptist Church Eupora. The director at Eupora will be Rev. Bill Motesinger, minister of Youth at Oakhurst Baptist Church, Clarksdale.

Motesinger will also direct a workshop on April 1 at Yale Street Baptist Church in Cleveland. Rodgers will direct a workshop on April 1 at First Baptist Church, Lexington.

The final workshop will be April 15 at Calvary Baptist Church, Louisville, with Rodgers in charge.

Business Officers

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added features which occur on Tuesday and Wednesday. An Insurance Management Conference will be held on Tuesday, and the Computer Users Association will meet on Wednesday.

Registration will be done through Mrs. Janie Neal, 1907 Elm St., Dallas, Texas, 75201. This Conference is for the business officers of Churches, child care institutions, colleges and seminaries, hospitals, Southern Baptist convention agencies and state conventions.

Beirut Missionaries See Hope In New Cease Fire

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here in this country."

"We stayed to share perilous times with Christians and non-Christian friends," said King. "To show them the sufficiency of Christ. Some people think because we have children we should leave, but there are many people here who have children who cannot leave."

The Beirut Baptist School was able to open for one month of its three-month term. The publication and radio ministries in Lebanon continued when possible though both were severely hampered. The seminary did not miss a day of class, but some students were

stranded for different intervals by fighting at their homes.

The missionaries' stay was not without fear. Far of what might happen in the fighting and fear of the consequences when control of an area changed hands.

Ragland was alone in his home. "There were tense moments for me, but I received comfort and assurance from the Lord. My fear and my anxiety soon gave way to a sense of peace and Christ's presence."

The presence of the missionaries in Beirut makes a difference as they witness to the people, according to Ragland.

"This is a time when mission-

aries can be interpreters of what's going on in the country," Ragland continued. "We've tried during these days of tension and sorrow to be a comfort to our Baptists, our friends. We've tried to keep in contact with national pastors here. It's been a time of witness. When death is real and near and when the world is falling to pieces it seems, we can go to them in service, pointing out to them that Christ's kingdom is everlasting. Christ in peoples hearts can be the beginning of a new Lebanon."

The missionaries feel they have a definite and significant role in the future of Lebanon.

"Whatever the outcome of the conflict," said Graham, "we know this, Lebanon needs a clear, firm gospel witness as never before. The people of Lebanon no matter what their religious background really need Christ. We can encourage the members of our churches to regain enthusiasm and zeal for preaching the Gospel."

"It will be necessary to help churches repair damages and provide funds for struggling churches whose members have been scattered," Graham continued. "Our spiritual contribution will be the greatest contribution we can make, not to discourage or belittle the opportunity for physical service. Above all our presence here, shoulder to shoulder, with our National Lebanese Baptists will mean more than anything else to help bring order out of chaos."

Ragland feels the Beirut Baptist School will be a major part of "As we meet these children day-by-day, and their parents, we encourage them to work together and love each other — and really it doesn't take a lot of encouragement."

The school is divided fifty-fifty between Muslim and Christian, the two factions fighting in the Civil War, yet, Ragland remembers seeing four students of all faiths hugging each other in the hall in an expression of mutual love.

The largest Baptist churches in Beirut are distributed throughout the city, with two on the western, Muslim, side of the city and two on the eastern, Christian side. Missionaries have remained politically neutral. All fighting factions have assured Ragland they would not attack the school.

"I think the conflict has made the Baptists here more aware of their responsibility. They see there is no room for postponing basic ministries. The night came much quicker than Lebanese Baptists or missionaries had realized. If the Lord does give us another chance, and I believe He will, we're going to find a more determined group of Baptists in Lebanon. They will be more determined to witness, more determined to put first things first, more determined to make Christ known to all people."

Conferences For Small Sunday Schools Slated

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Elam Church, Coffeeville, Grenada - Yalobusha; Rev. Judd Allen, Sunday School Consultant, leader; Ingomar Church, Union County - Association, Rev. Bill Nimmons, pastor, First Church, Tupelo, leader; Mt. Zion Church, Leake, Gene Hendrix, education director, First Church, Clinton, leader; Calvary Church, Macon,

Noxubee Association, Elmo McLaurin, education director, Highland Church, Meridian, leader; Merigold Church, Bolivar; Milton Burd, education director, First Church, Cleveland, leader; Midway Church, Pontotoc, Rev. Wayne Kimbrough, associate pastor, First Church, Pontotoc, leader; Pittsboro Church, Calhoun, Rev. Ferrell Cork, pastor, First Church, Aberdeen, leader; Waltham Church, Webster, Dr. Levon Moore, director of missions, Attala, leader; Longview Church, Oktibeha, Rev. Bill Wilkinson, assistant pastor, First Church, West Point, leader; and Abbeville Church, Marshall-Lafayette Association, Rev. Roy Myers, pastor, Mt. Zion Church, Independence, leader.

For March 9 the churches, associations, and leaders are as follows:

Schlatter, Leflore, Salter; First Church, Marks, Quitman, Rev. Cummings; Pine Grove, Benton-Tippah, Hudgens; Webb, Tallahatchie, Rev. Allen; Thrasher, Prentiss, Rev. Nimmons; Lyon, Riverside, Burd; Priceville, Lee, Kimbrough; Van Vleet, Chickasaw, Rev. Cork; Friendship, Lowndes, Dr. Moore; Chester, Choctaw, Rev. Bill Hardy, education director, First Church, Columbus; and Corinth, New Choctaw; McLaurin.

For March 11 the churches, associations, and leaders are as follows:

Springdale, Attala, Salter; Main Street, Goodman, Holmes, Rev. Cummings; Isola, Humphreys, Hudgens; Anguilla, Sharkey - Isaquena, Rev. Allen; Swiftwater, Washington, Rev. Tom Espy, pastor, Southside Church, Greenville; Ellison Ridge, Winston, Hendrix; Sunflower, Sunflower, Burd; First, Fulton, Itawamba, Kimbrough; Becker, Monroe, Wilkinson; Siloam, Clay, Dr. Moore; and Scotland, Carroll - Montgomery, Rev. Hardy.

Layman Music Night Slated

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The program will begin at 7 p.m. with group singing, to be followed at 7:30 with individual men's singing. These will include groups from Colonial Heights Baptist Church, Jackson; First Baptist Church, Brandon; and Broadmoor Baptist Church, Jackson.

After a break at 8:30 there will be more fellowship and congregational singing. The main feature of the program will begin at 9 p.m., and the group will be dismissed at 9:30.

All laymen are invited to this informal time of fellowship and singing, according to Dan Hall, director of the Department of Church Music of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board. The department is sponsoring the event.

J. M. Wood, minister of music for Broadmoor Baptist Church in Jackson, will serve as coordinator for the event.

Reservations should be made by March 15 through the Church Music Department of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, according to Dan Hall, director of the department. There is no charge. The address is Box 530, Jackson, 39205.

Cancer Is Seminar Subject

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Baptist Medical center and the Christian Action Commission of the Mississippi Baptist Convention.

Serving as resource agency and co-operative sponsor of this seminar is the Mississippi Division of the American Cancer Society, which has helped to arrange the agenda.

Dr. James Spell, Jackson surgeon and Mississippi representative in the House of Delegates of the American Cancer Society, will be one of four speakers. He is a former president of the Mississippi Division, A.C.S.

A cancer patient, Mrs. Lynn Porch, of Clinton, will give the patient's viewpoint of needs clergymen can meet. Also addressing the seminar will be Dr. James Travis, University Medical Center chaplain, and Elizabeth Johnson, of the staff of the Mississippi Division, A.C.S.

Coordinating the seminar will be the Rev. Gordon Shambarger, chaplain of the Mississippi Baptist Medical Center.

Agricultural Missions Meeting

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themselves of the opportunity of bringing carloads or buses to this meeting on mission involvement.

In addition to Cooper other officers include vice presidents James Baugh from Boydell, Ark. and Ernest A. Curry, Jr. from Hollandale, Miss.; the secretary-treasurer is Gene A. Triggs from Yazoo City; and the chaplain is Rev. Billy Beckett, pastor of First Baptist Church, Duncan, Miss.

George Washington experimented with clover, rye, timothy and alfalfa to enrich the soil, as early as 1780. He was the first in the country to plant pecan trees. He was one of the few who tried crop rotation at a time when plenty of new land was available. And still he found the time to tinker with several inventions to make planting, harvesting and processing easier on the plantation.

FMB Writes Ford, Sends Relief Funds

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funds given by Southern Baptists which made possible immediate emergency assistance to Guatemala, including distribution of

food, sending of medical supplies, a team of doctors and 500 tents to provide shelter for the homeless.

Paul D. Stotts of Richmond was

elected board attorney. He succeeds John Williams who will soon retire.

Stotts was educated in Richmond at the University of Richmond and the T. C. Williams Law School. He is a former assistant attorney general and currently engaged in a private law practice in Richmond.

The board awarded a medical receptorship to Gregory J. Mincey, a student at Emory University School of Medicine, Atlanta, Ga., will stay on the mission field for 10 weeks working alongside missionary doctors.

A Letter To President Ford

February 11, 1976

President Gerald R. Ford
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. President:

On behalf of the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, we are writing to request that you find some way to counteract the serious problems which are growing out of the reported use of missionaries and clergy throughout the world by the Central Intelligence Agency. It is possible that these problems have been increased by your statement on this subject which was communicated to Senator Mark Hatfield by Mr. Philip W. Buchen in a letter dated November 5, 1975 and widely reported in the press both in our country and abroad.

Our missionaries are expressing to us their dismay and concern, because of these developments, and their apprehension of the effect they may have.

The Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention is the channel through which more than 12 million Southern Baptists residing in all 50 states of our nation project mission efforts in 82 countries. There are 2,650 missionaries of our Board in overseas service, all of whom are sent from this country. They work in fellowship with more than 6,000 ministers who are nationals of the countries in which they serve.

Our Board as of this date has officially reaffirmed its longstanding position of noninvolvement of its missionary representatives in political affairs. Missionaries are to maintain carefully their role of spiritual ministry, refraining from any relationship with intelligence operations of any nation (including the United States) or with political movements in the nations where they serve. They are to avoid anything that might make unclear their purpose of Christian witness and service and thus jeopardize their witness for Christ.

We believe it is not your purpose to place any hindrance in the way of dedicated service on behalf of God and our fellow man. The seriousness of this matter, however, is such as to merit very careful attention.

We urgently request you, therefore, to take whatever steps are necessary, as soon as possible, to make clear, in our country and abroad, that missionaries and clergy throughout the world are not to be used by the Central Intelligence Agency or any other intelligence agency of our government.

Sincerely yours,
James G. Harris, President
Foreign Mission Board, SBC
M. Hunter Riggins, Chairman
Administrative Committee
Baker J. Cauthen, Executive Secretary
Foreign Mission Board, SBC

"Never Paid U. S. Clergymen"

Will Not Recruit Missionaries As Agents, The CIA Reports

WASHINGTON, D. C. (RNS) — American church workers and journalists will no longer be recruited as agents by the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA), according to a statement issued by the agency.

In announcing the policy change, the CIA indicated that it would accept information voluntarily offered by clergy or reporters.

Churches and missionary agencies have raised strong objections to CIA use of their personnel for intelligence purposes.

"Over the years, the CIA has had relationships with individuals in many walks of American life," its statement said, "These rela-

tionships, many of a voluntary and unpaid nature, have reflected the desire of Americans to help their country. Such relationships have been conducted by the agency with the clear intent of furthering its foreign intelligence mission and have not been aimed at influencing or improperly acting on any American institution."

Although the agency noted that "genuine concern has recently been expressed about CIA relations with newsmen and churchmen," it denied that "there has been any impropriety on its part in the limited use made of persons connected in some way with American media, church, and missionary organizations."

With regard to church workers, the agency declared the "CIA has no secret paid or contractual relationship with any American clergymen or missionary. This practice will be continued as a matter of policy."

Its statement added that "CIA recognizes that members of these groups may wish to provide information to the CIA on matters of foreign intelligence of interest to the U. S. government. The CIA will continue to welcome information volunteered by such individuals."

Noting that the agency's policy is not to reveal the names of Americans who assist it, the statement said that "in this regard CIA will not make public, now or in the future, the names of any cooperating journalists or churchmen."

The policy statement reflected a change in the operation of the agency since George Bush recently succeeded William Colby as its director. Mr. Colby had defended CIA use of missionary personnel despite objections from the National Council of Churches and several denominations.

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Life Goes On

GUATEMALA CITY — Residents of Guatemala City were forced to set up house in the middle of the street after the disastrous earthquake destroyed their homes.

'Guatemala-On Your Feet' Local Baptists Lend A Hand

By Charlie Warren

GUATEMALA CITY (BP) — "Guatemala en Pie!" The home-made sign seemed to typify the courage and determination being demonstrated by victims of Guatemala's earthquake. "Guatemala—On Your Feet!"

The attitude apparent throughout the Central American nation was, "Let's pick up the pieces of our homes and our lives and carefully, deliberately put them back together again."

Guatemalan Baptists were among those here who aided quake victims as they began to rebuild. Aided by Southern Baptist funds, missionaries, and volunteers, these Latin American Baptists immediately began not only to care for their own numbers, but to assist their neighbors as well.

At 2 p.m., the day of the earthquake (Feb. 4), seven Guatemalan Baptist pastors met with Southern Baptist missionaries to plan a relief strategy. The group decided to work as much as possible

though the pastors in order to provide a witness opportunity for the pastors and the churches they represent.

Southern Baptist missionary William W. Stennett, elected by the group to be the relief coordinator, explained the missionaries' attitude.

"We want to let Baptist nationals do most of the planning and provide all the help they can," he said, "then missionaries and Southern Baptist dollars can assist."

Of the three most urgent needs—food, water, and shelter—the Guatemalan pastors and their church members are assisting with two. They are distributing packets of food and providing tents for shelter. The Guatemalan government, along with the fire department, is providing the water.

Two Baptist churches in Guatemala City are being used as distribution centers. The pastors prepare and distribute packages containing five pounds of beans, five pounds of rice, and 10 pounds of

corn. This is a two-day supply for an average Guatemalan family.

Local churches have collected money, food, and clothing to help those around them who have lost even more than they.

One young Baptist husband-wife team, Miquel and Naomi Caceres, both medical doctors, went immediately after the quake to the hard-hit villages of San Andreas and Izapa to provide medical care. She is the daughter of a Baptist pastor.

About 100 people were being housed temporarily at Guatemala City's Baptist seminary. Many of them were injured in the quake. All were homeless. Guatemalan Baptists were ministering to them and are planning to help them re-establish their homes.

Teams of young people from several Baptist churches have formed "cleaning brigades." These teams will go to villages and parents of Guatemala City, take food for the hungry, help shovel away the rubble, tear down damaged houses, and help the quake victims rebuild. They will also witness and hold evangelistic services.

The courage and determination of the Guatemalan people is inspirational. Even those who have little are willing to share with those who have nothing.

Daniel Moscoso, pastor of Guatemala City's Bethany Baptist Church, was asked by his church members, "Is it true that the missionaries are going to give us food?"

"We are not going to accept anything from the missionaries," Moscoso told the congregation. "We are not as needy as many of our neighbors. We are going to give to them. Let's take up an offering right now to help our neighbors."

More than \$40 was collected.

Brother Of Mrs. Perkins Dies In Georgia

Russell Hall, a brother of Mrs. Clifton Perkins, died Feb. 15 of a heart attack. Dr. Clifton Perkins is director of Church-Minister Relations for the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

Funeral services were held Feb. 17 at Rehoboth Baptist Church at Tucker, Ga. Burial was in Franklin Memorial Gardens at Laytonia.

Robinson Street, Jackson, Plans For 25th Anniversary Celebration

Robinson Street Church, Jackson, will celebrate its 25th Anniversary on Sunday, March 7. The theme for the day will be "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and forever" (Hebrews 13:8) as opportunity will be given to reflect the past, take a look at the present and hear plans for the future.

Plans for the morning worship hour (10:30 a.m.) include special recognition of the people actively involved in the organization of the church 25 years ago and members

in places of service and leadership today. Testimonies of some who have come to know Christ as their personal Savior and have experienced spiritual growth as a result of the ministry of this church will be a meaningful part of the morning worship hour.

The evening service (7 p.m.) will be a multimedia presentation on the past and present life of the church. A special historical display of materials will be an interesting feature. Fellowship hour will follow this service.

Rev. Leonard Holloway was founder and first Pastor of Robinson Street Church, serving ten years 1950-1960. Dr. J. Clark Hensley was interim pastor until 1961 when Rev. Robert Ledbetter came to serve as pastor. In 1963 illness forced Mr. Ledbetter to retire and Rev. John G. McDonald began his ministry there August, 1963. Pastor McDonald will bring the message for this 25th anniversary service.

MC Gets \$3,000 Gift From AMOCO

Mississippi College in Clinton, Mississippi has received a \$3,000 gift from the Amoco Foundation, Inc. The check was presented to Vice President of academic affairs Dr. Charles Martin on February 12 by Amoco Oil jobber Walton Gresham and Dale Kohlman, New Orleans district manager of Amoco Oil at the Jackson Hotel in Jackson, Mississippi.

The gift may be used for any capital, educational, or scholarship purpose with the only stipulation being that the money not be added to endowment.

Baptist Student Union Group Elects Officers



The Baptist Record

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EDITORIAL Guest Editorial

Sermons-Long Or Short

Edgar R. Cooper
In Florida Baptist Witness

Did you know that the new world record for nonstop preaching is 60 hours and 31 minutes? This questionable achievement was recently accomplished by a Unitarian minister bent on surpassing the old record of 50 hours for continuous expounding.

Robert Marshall, the new champ, used a 1120-page, double-spaced sermon entitled "From Abraham to Augustine." He finished 850 pages before succumbing in the book of Acts, which means he has at least a year's preaching left in the 270 unused pages of his manuscript. Following the guidelines established in the Guinness Book of World Records, the marathon preacher spoke from the pulpit and took a five-minute break each hour. To keep up his strength, he "snacked" at the pulpit on vitamin pills, raisins, throat lozenges and soup (no Geritol). After it was over the pastor slept for 16 hours and described the experience as "a great affirmation of the human spirit."

Knowing the dislike that most folks nowadays have for long sermons, I wonder if anyone sat through the whole ordeal. If so, Guinness Book of World Records ought to note them as the record holder for the "greatest endurance of the human spirit." Only preachers' wives know of what I speak!

Perhaps there are more stories, veiled or unveiled, about long ser-

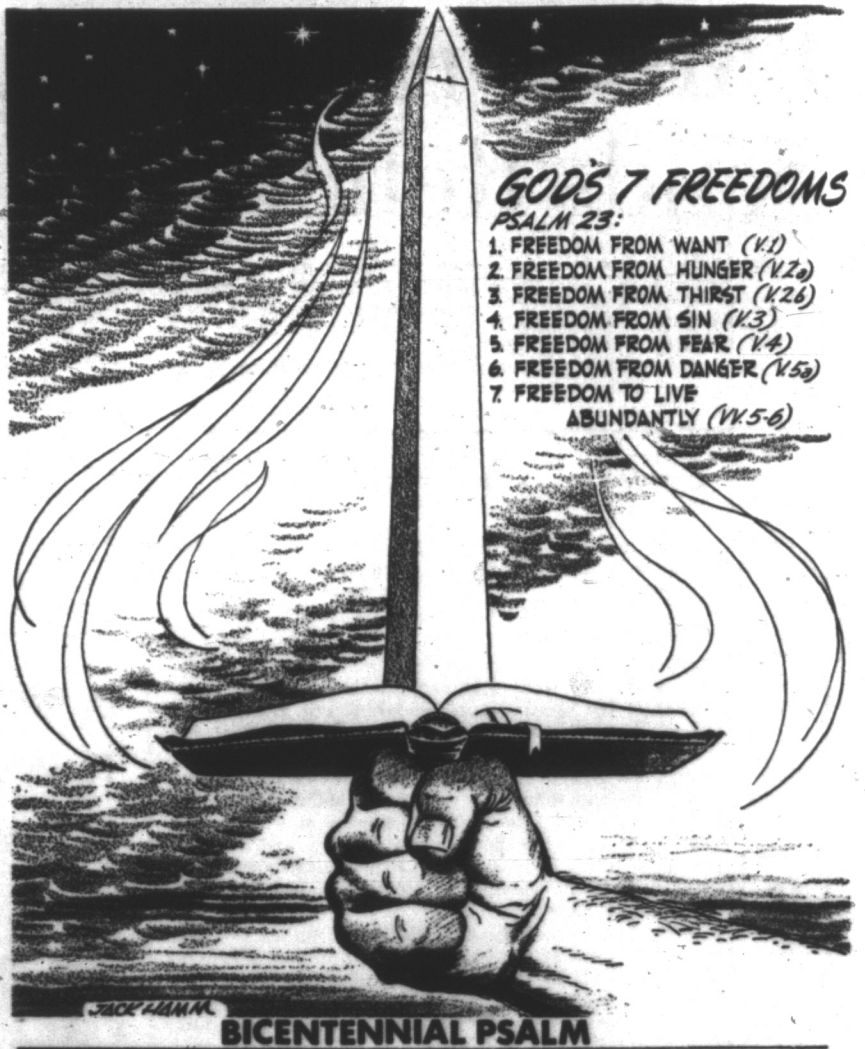
mons than any other category of a preacher's repertoire. One of the first instructions received in the seminary involved the five B's: Be brief, brother, be brief. The admonition is to "get up, speak up and shut up." Preachers have been told and retold that a speech to be immortal does not have to be eternal. The stories about congregations giving preachers calendars instead of watches and building trap doors behind the pulpit timed to trigger after 20 minutes have pointed up the funny side of lengthy messages. Some have instructed the preacher with the asinine statement, "No souls are saved after 20 minutes." It is a fact that many have been moved to make a decision for Christ after the "allotted" time. Then too there is the congregation that called their minister for only part-time because he preached so long.

In the New Testament we read about Paul preaching until midnight (Acts 20:7-10). He was so "long preaching" that a lad named Eutychus fell asleep and toppled out of the balcony. It has been opined that the origin of the boys name came from his experience for it is said "you'd a cussed" too if a long-winded preacher had lulled you to sleep and endangered your life.

Well the light side of extended expostulation along with caustic criticism has apparently had its effect. Now God's prophets are afraid to preach "overtime," whatever that means. Controlled by the clock and the cafeteria line, sermon-

ettes and little homilies are often substitutes for developed, soul-searching, enthusiastically presented messages that grip and hold the heart. To my preacher brethren I am saying: Don't preach too long but long enough. It is wrong to be intimidated by what time the football game is aired on Sunday afternoon. Your sermon as God's message is more important, or it ought to be. Congregations that treat the preaching of God's word as necessary and insist that their minister take time to deliver it properly without making snide remarks about the time will build a strong church. If a church member gets his cup full in 15 minutes, he apparently has a little cup.

Our trouble is we have become so impatient and restless that if we miss one section of a revolving door we go up in smoke. Stop signs, signal lights and a 55-mile speed limit irk us in our hectic pace. At one time we had two weeks' revival meetings. Now we have a week and that is giving way to weekend revivalettes. Perhaps we will one day get back to having a thirst for the Word and will actually encourage preachers to preach without being unduly conscious of time. Also to stimulate preaching, church members need to organize Sunday activities in such a way that the time spent in worship will not be a fidgety, nervous, wasted experience. Trying to listen with one eye on the clock and the other on the door is of no value.



BICENTENNIAL PSALM

On The MORAL SCENE...

BATTERED CHILDREN — The first national study measuring the extent of child abuse was recently completed and CBS News reported on December 1 that the Health, Education and Welfare Department described it as a "social problem of epidemic proportions." According to the CBS statistics, more than a million children each year are the victims of neglect, malnutrition and physical or sexual abuse. Three thousand children were killed by their own parents last year, and another 15,000 were permanently brain-damaged. Dr. Henry Kemp, a pioneering researcher in the field, claims that 90 percent of abusing parents can be helped. In an interview with CBS News, Dr. Kemp remarked that "Parents... who abuse neglect their children, almost invariably were abused or neglected themselves." These people tend to marry each other and expect the child to give them the love they never had themselves. Preoccupation with their own needs and often a glaring lack of knowledge about the behavior and development of children can blind them to the child's needs. (America, December 27, 1975, p. 453)

LESS TIME FOR THE TUBE — New measurements of U. S. TV viewing show the first significant drop since television became a national pastime a generation ago. The latest findings of the Television Bureau of Advertising are that the daily average of home viewing dropped between nine and fourteen minutes in 1975. The total had climbed in every previous year, except in 1974, when it fell by a scant one minute from the 1973 figure of six hours and fifteen minutes. (From "Periscope" in Newsweek, Jan. 19, 1976, p. 19).

BLACKS AND THE BICENTENNIAL — "In recent weeks I have been virtually inundated with the question of whether or not blacks should actively participate in next year's Bicentennial celebration," wrote James E. Clyburn, Commissioner of the State Human Affairs Commission in South Carolina. He continued, "the fact that a significant segment of our citizenry finds it necessary to pose such an inquiry after two hundred years of partnership is in and of itself a sad commentary upon our development. My answer, however, is always an emphatic and resounding, 'Yes.' America as we know it today is the most highly developed and civilized society in the world. This is not an accidental reality. It was accomplished with the blood, sweat and tears of all our forefathers, irrespective of skin color, hair texture or social status. . . . Just as the founding fathers met 200 years ago to 'form a more perfect union,' we must utilize next year's activities to not only commemorate the past, but also to lay the foundation for a future that will motivate those who must come after us to call us blessed." (From Comments South Carolina Christian Action Council, November, 1975)

MAKE IT BOOKLET by Suzanne Esell (Broadman, paper, 23 pp., \$.75) . . . Ideas of things good to do, things creative and fun for youth and adults. Things you can make with your hands—sewing, cooking, modeling, painting, collage, and others.

GET ALL EXCITED! JESUS IS COMING SOON! by Charles E. Taylor (Today's Bible Prophecy, Inc., P. O. Box 194, Redondo Beach, CA 90277, 196 pp., paper, \$1.95).

Eleven chapters on the Second Coming of Christ from the premillennial point of view. The author believes that the Second Coming of Christ is very near.

THE GOSPEL SOUND, GOOD NEWS AND BAD TIMES by Tony Holbert (Anchor Press-Doubleday, pocket book, paper, 364 pp., \$2.95)

Bicentennial Feature

Baptist Layman Suffers Persecution For Beliefs

GOOCHLAND COUNTY, Va., Dec. 1774 —(BP)—One good reason for the growing strength of Baptists in Virginia was the zeal and courage of laymen such as Thomas Waford, who was willing to pay the price of persecution for his faith.

Although not an ordained minister, Waford urged upon his listeners in private conversation the same message which Baptist preachers delivered from the pulpit. And along with Baptist ministers, he endured arrest, personal abuse, and other persecution.

While working with a group of Baptist evangelists in Essex County, Waford was arrested. He was taken before a justice of the peace and his saddlebags were searched "for treasonable papers."

Waford was dismissed without fine or imprisonment because he had not "disturbed the peace" by preaching. Many Baptists preachers were arrested and imprisoned in Virginia for preaching without a license from the state church. While there was no law to prevent Baptists from preaching, they were sentenced on charges of "disturbing the peace" or "disorderly conduct."

The zealous layman was not so fortunate a few years earlier when he was arrested in Middlesex County with four Baptist preachers. Although he was not imprisoned with the ministers, Waford was beaten severely by the posse which broke up the meeting being conducted by the Baptists.

After his beating, Waford was searched for firearms and incriminating papers. Finding none, his persecutors gave the Baptist until noon the following day to be out of the county or face imprisonment along with the preachers. The raid on the Baptist meeting was led by two law enforcement officers and a parson of the state church.

In the tradition of John the Baptist, Waford went ahead of the ministers of the gospel, preparing the way for them. When an evangelist was to go into a new territory, Waford preceded him as an advance agent to publicize the meeting.

When the evangelist arrived, not only did he find that the community knew about the meeting, but he soon discovered that through personal witnessing and exemplary conduct Waford rendered invaluable service in preparing the hearts of the people for the message.

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NEWEST BOOKS

I BELIEVE by Grant Teaff with Sam Blair (Word Books, \$6.95, 219 pp.) Grant Teaff is a football coach who achieved unprecedented success at Baylor. This book is the story of Baylor's efforts to gain the SWC championship — and yet it is more than that. It is the story of the man behind the team, a man dedicated to his team, his family, and above all, to God. (Teaff in January, 1975, was elected national Coach-of-the-Year by the American Football Coaches Association.)

WHAT IS A FAMILY? by Edith Schaeffer (Fleming H. Revell, \$6.95, 255 pp.) The widely known and very talented Edith Schaeffer, author of L'ABRI, dedicated this new book to her husband on their fortieth wedding anniversary in 1975. In it Mrs. Schaeffer records her deeply human experiences as wife, mother and grandmother at L'Abri, world-renowned Christian community in Switzerland. What is a family? To her, a family is an everchanging mobile, a formation center for human relationships, a perpetual relay of truth, a museum of memories. Her book also explores the challenges and problems facing the family of the twentieth century. Written with rare insight and drawn from experiences of one who has tried to live in the spirit of the Scriptures in everyday life, **WHAT IS A FAMILY** is a book that should be read by all who value the institution of the human family.

BIBLE CHARACTERS: SINNERS, SAINTS AND SERVANTS by Tommy Chupp (Thomas Nelson, Inc., paper, \$3.50, 148 pp.) A series of short, memorable portraits of people of the Bible. Each sketch ends by showing how the life of that person is relevant for today.

I WANT THAT MOUNTAIN! by G. Avery Lee (Thomas Nelson, Inc., \$3.95, 166 pp., paper) New paperback edition of the book published in 1974. The author, pastor of St. Charles Avenue Church in New Orleans, shows how God has used mountains to reveal His plans for mankind. There are chapters on Mount Sinai, Mount Nebo, Mount Carmel, Mount Ararat, Mount of Olives, Mount Calvary, and other mountains mentioned in the Bible.

SOME WAYS OF GOD by C. Stacey Woods (InterVarsity, paper, 121 pp., \$2.95) This is the "personal journey" of Mr. Woods, an international pioneer in evangelical student work. He worked first with IntersVarsity in Canada, then in the United States, and finally worldwide through International Fellowship of Evangelical Students. This book, as he says, is "a string of beads," the chapters a "potpourri of anecdote and history."

FOX MISSIONARIES ONLY by Joseph L. Cannon (Baker, paper, \$1.50, 96 pp.) A collection of impressions, honest opinions, and views of missionary life, written by a veteran foreign missionary who is now a missionary on Okinawa.

YOU CAN HAVE A FAMILY WHERE EVERYBODY WINS by Earl H. Gaulke (Concordia, paper, 99 pp., \$1.95) Christian perspectives on parent effectiveness training.

TOUGH AND TENDER by Joyce Landorf (Fleming H. Revell, \$5.95, 157 pp.) What does a woman want in her man? Author Joyce Landorf says the ideal man must have a "just right" blend of toughness and tenderness. She challenges men to become the man God wants them to be, "free from the strictures created by media images, cave man cliches, and societal pressures." She believes she speaks for most women when she says "We want our man to be uncompromisingly tough of character and gently tender of heart."

I AM A FUNDAMENTALIST by John R. Rice (Sword of the Lord Publishers, paper, 262 pp., \$2.95) One of the best known Baptist fundamentalists of our day writes on why he is what he is. He discusses the meaning of the term, and calls for Christians to return to the pattern of the New Testament. He tells what Fundamentalists want, and what they are and are not. In clear, Bible based chapters, Dr. Rice presents the reasons for his position. One may not agree with some of his conclusions, especially as they relate to denominations, but will find Christian love and sincerity in these pages. The chapter on why fundamentalists do not accept modern speaking in tongues is one of the finest studies of this subject I have seen anywhere.

RUNNING OUT by W. Dayton Roberts (Regal, 162 pp., pocket book paper, \$1.95) A look at the present world condition. The author examines population growth and the environmental situation in relation to land, water, air, energy and metals, and food, and shows that the only real hope is in the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ.

A WORLD OF DIFFERENTS by Bob Laurent (Revell, paper, 127 pp., \$2.95) A popular youth leader shows how Christians are to be "different." A challenge to Christians everywhere to change the world by being that.

THIS IS MY BIBLE by Bethann F. Van Ness and William L. Blackwell (Convention Press, paper, 52 pp., \$.75) A new study course book for boys and girls, helping them understand how the Bible came to be and what it is and does.

THE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION by E. C. Watson (Convention Press, 80 pp., paper, \$2.25) A study course book on the work of the Baptist Association, shows what the association is, and how its work may serve the churches.

WHAT'S GONE WRONG WITH THE HARVEST? by James F. Engel and Wilbert Norton (Zondervan, paper, 171 pp., \$3.95) Many churches are not winning souls. These authors ask why and show what needs to be done to start a great renaissance in soul winning.

BEFORE HONOR by Eugene McDaniel with James L. Johnson (Holman, 192 pp., \$6.95) A Southern Baptist deacon, who was a naval commander during the Vietnam War, was shot down on a bombing run over North Vietnam and spent more than 6 years in a Communist prison. This book reveals the horror of the prison life, but shows how that God gives a special strength even in the days of greatest agony.

WHAT DO YOU KNOW? Bible Quizzes by Vera Fewtrell (Baker, pocket book, paper, 68 pp., \$.95) A book of questions, puzzles, and similar materials all based upon Bible knowledge.

JESUS THE MASTER TEACHER by Clifford A. Wilson (Baker, paper, 168 pp., \$2.95) An analysis of the teaching methods used by Jesus the master teacher.

CREATIVE SUNDAY SCHOOLS by Elisabeth W. Crisel (Baker, paper, 197 pp., \$1.95) An analysis of methods of Sunday school work both within the classroom and beyond the classroom. Most of the suggestions already long have been used by Southern Baptist Sunday school leaders.

CONVERSATIONAL BIBLE STUDIES NEW TESTAMENT by James A. Schaeffer (Baker, pocket book, paper, 154 pp., \$1.65) Large segments of the New Testament are chosen for studies under three heads — basic information; discussion and application; and covers selected areas of the entire New Testament.

LIGHTS FROM THE CHAPEL WINDOW compiled by Mary Jess (Baker, pocket book, paper, 57 pp., \$.95) Proverbs and quotations and other bits of wisdom which have been shared in a radio broadcast newsletter.

A GUIDE TO LIVING POWER by William M. Jones (John Knox Press, paper, 126 pp., \$3.95) Spiritual exercises to help the Christian develop stronger spiritual living.

HERE IN THIS HOUSE by Erma Hallmark (John Knox, 118 pp., \$4.95) An inspirational book in which a woman talks about spiritual renewal in the home. Discusses the use of the eyes, the ears, the voice, the hands, the feet, the heart.

THE MEASURE OF A CHURCH by Gene A. Gets (Regal, pocket book, paper, 150 pp., \$1.65) What is a mature church? What would Paul write to our churches today? The author seeks to show what the Bible says a church should have in order to be mature.

LESSONS FOR LOVERS IN THE SONG OF SOLOMON by Bob Dryburgh (Kents, 222 pp., pocket book, paper, \$1.75) The author believes that the Song of Solomon reveals a beautiful picture of true love in the lives of real people.

STUDIES IN THE PERSON AND WORK OF JESUS CHRIST by W. E. Best (Baker, 128 pp., \$2.95) A Houston pastor discusses many facets of the person and work of Jesus Christ, the eternal God who took upon Him human flesh.

A NEW HAPPINESS by Gavin Reid (Abingdon, 128 pp., paper, \$2.25) Studies in the Beatitudes — Christ's pattern for living in today's world.

THE STRANGER OF GALILEE by Reginald E. O. White (Kents, paper, 263 pp., \$2.25) The subtitle says "A New Life of Christ and Its Meaning For Today." The author covers many of the details of the life of Christ and applies their meaning to today's living.

REGENERATION & CONVERSION by W. E. Best (Baker, paper, 126 pp., \$2.95)

The Price They Paid

Have you ever wondered what happened to those men who signed the Declaration of Independence?

Five signers were captured by the British as traitors and tortured before they died. Twelve had their homes ransacked and burned. Two lost their sons in the Revolutionary Army, another had two sons captured. Nine of the 56 fought and died from wounds or the hardships of the Revolutionary War.

What kind of men were they? Twenty-four were lawyers and jurists. Eleven were merchants, nine were farmers and large plantation owners, men of means, well educated. But they signed the Declaration of Independence knowing full well that the penalty would be death if they were captured.

They signed and they pledged their lives, their fortunes, and their sacred honor. Carter Braxton of Virginia, a wealthy planter and trader, saw his ships swept from the seas by the British navy. He sold his home and properties to pay his debts, and died in rags.

Thomas McKean was so hounded by the British that he was forced to move his family almost constantly. He served in the Congress without pay, and his family was kept in hiding. His possessions were taken from him, and poverty was his reward.

Vandals or soldiers or both, looted the properties of Ellery, Clymer, Hall, Walton, Gwinnett, Heyward, Rutledge, and Middleton.

At the Battle of Yorktown, Thomas Nelson Jr. noted that the British General Cornwallis had taken over the Nelson home for his headquarters. The owner quietly urged General George Washington to open fire, which was done. The home was destroyed, and Nelson died bankrupt.

Francis Lewis had his home and properties destroyed. The enemy jailed his wife, and she died within a few months.

John Hart was driven from his wife's bedside as she was dying. Their 13 children fled for their lives. His fields and his grist mill were laid waste. For more than a year he lived in forests and caves, returning home after the war to find his wife dead, his children vanished. A few weeks later he died from exhaustion and a broken heart.

Norris and Livingston suffered similar fates.

Such were the stories and sacrifices of the American Revolution. These were not wild-eyed, rabble-rousing ruffians. They were soft-spoken men of means and education. They had security, but they valued liberty more. Standing tall, straight, and unwavering, they pledged: "For the support of this declaration, with a firm reliance on the protection of the Divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other, our lives, our fortunes, and our sacred honor."

They gave us an independent America. Can we keep it?

—The American Mercury



West Point Buses Set New Record

"The Lord gave us a great victory on February 1," reports Noel Wright, III, bus director for First Church, West Point, "as 340 people came on the buses. This was the fourth anniversary of the bus ministry. The previous record was 335 set last October." Rev. Joel Haire is the pastor.



West McComb To Build New Sanctuary

West McComb Church, conducted a groundbreaking ceremony, January 18, for a new sanctuary. Cost of the building and furnishings will be \$135,000. The architect is James W. McCleskey, Jr. of Hattiesburg. Pictured are (left to right): Dr. Wayne E. Sterling, pastor; Freeman McKinley, chairman of building committee; Lamar May; Frank Magee; Mrs. Earl Johnson; and Mrs. Floyd Johnson.

Volunteers Needed For Work In Pioneer Missions Areas

ATLANTA, GA. — Leominster-Fitchburg needs you; so do Gassaway, Soldotna and Canton. These are towns which have need of volunteers to help in the establishment of Southern Baptist mission work.

The Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, through its Christian Service Corps, locates and places volunteers on various mission fields around the country, in areas of greatest need.

"Though most short term projects require interest rather than specific skills, some require particular background or training," said Bill Wilson, director of Christian Service Corps, and himself a volunteer.

Short term assignments generally run from two weeks to two months. Long term assignments are for a year or for permanent relocation, and usually include obtaining secular employment. The HMB has no funds to assist the

volunteer. CSC workers pay their own way. Examples of opportunities include:

Leominster - Fitchburg, Mass., needs men-women to assist in Vacation Bible Schools, visitation, survey and home Bible study, June-August.

Gassaway, W.Va., needs a man, woman or couple to help in developing a community center, relating to others through recreation, distributing clothing and day care. Person must be able to drive. Minister preferred, but not necessary. Some aid is available.

Soldotna, Alaska, needs someone to work with youth of a church and in music. While a long term volunteer is desired, the person could serve as little as three months. Help can be given with housing and job opportunities.

A dozen towns in Pennsylvania need volunteers this summer, mostly in establishing mission-

type chapels. Sutton, W.Va., needs a dentist and assistant during the summer months.

"Any time someone is interested in helping those working in New York City," said Wilson, "we feel that a place can be found for them."

Canton, Ohio is a city of 110,000 where help is needed to develop the first Southern Baptist work. Persons with campers or motor homes are needed in Ohio and South Dakota. People speaking Spanish are needed in Indiana and Michigan. Utah and Arizona need help with church construction.

Oklahoma City, Okla., needs a person or couple on a long term basis to work in a day care program in a Baptist center. Room and board can be furnished. "Person must be able to love children and senior adults," they ask.

Currently, requests, which come from missions directors, pastors

Billy Graham Film Office Moves To Dallas

The Billy Graham Film Office has moved to the Dallas - Ft. Worth area from San Antonio, Texas, where it served the churches and theatres in San Antonio and the Southwest for 15 years.

The Billy Graham Film Office in the metropolitan area will serve the churches of Oklahoma, New Mexico, Colorado, Arizona, Missouri, Arkansas, Kansas, Louisiana, Texas, and Mississippi.

The coordinator for this office

and other interested missions personnel, total 54 for short term assignments and 12 for long term assignments.

Application forms are available from the Christian Service Corps, Home Mission Board, 1350 Spring St. N. W., Atlanta, Ga. 30309.



is Steve McKinley, pictured, from Pass Christian, a graduate of New Orleans Seminary. He spent seven years in full time evangelism and nine years in the Graham Film Ministry before opening the office in the Metroplex.

Churches desiring this service of the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association may write: The Billy Graham Film Office, P. O. Box 13944, Ft. Worth, TX. 76118.

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Winter Warmth!

By Ginger Morris Caughman
Outside-cold, gray wintertime.

Inside-warmth, security, and love. What wintertime memories do you recall of warmth inside your home? Perhaps one of these was the central source of heat when you were growing up. A crackling fire or glowing coals in a fireplace. The coal burning heating stove. A black, woodburning cook stove. A portable oil heater. Open space heaters. A kerosene stove. A gas heater.

My own winter memories of warmth were around the kitchen floor furnace. A brown metal grate set in the floor, it was about one yard long and twenty-six inches wide. Deep inside the dark inner parts stood the tiny blue pilot light. The thermostat in the hall controlled the constant flow of warm air that heated the big rooms with tall ceilings in our house.

Each winter morning, my brother Jay and I dressed by the floor furnace. The night before, we'd lay out our school clothes or Sunday clothes, on a kitchen stool. In the morning while Mother fixed oatmeal to warm our insides, we'd sit and dress while warming our outsides. With one foot perched on the metal stool rail, I'd hold the other foot over the hot air and then quickly put one sock on. Then the same thing with the other foot.

Sometimes, at night, I'd warm my nightgown over the furnace. Then I'd run and jump into my cold white cotton sheets (there were no combination fibers or fancy colors, then!) and pull up layers of wool blankets and heavy quilts. Soon the bed would be warm and snug. But that first few minutes would freeze you!

Our family sat by the floor furnace. . . . TO EAT MEALS.

Our usual winter breakfast was oatmeal. Sometimes Mother would try grits or cream-of-wheat. But we liked oatmeal best. Although I loved the Saturday morning radio show, "Let's Pretend," sponsored by cream-of-wheat, I really

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didn't care for their hot cereal. I remember trying to like it because I enjoyed the program.

Christmas breakfast was always different. Every Christmas we had French toast. The bread was dipped in a salted egg-milk batter, fried in butter, and sprinkled with granulated sugar. (My husband today insists it must have powdered sugar because that's the way he ate it when he was a boy. And that's the way I fix it now for our family. But as a child, I ate granulated sugar because that's the way my mother fixed it.)

Our family sat by the floor furnace for . . .

HOMEWORK AND HOUSEWORK.

I remember recalling spelling words and reciting arithmetic multiplication tables perched on my warm stool.

The heavy wrought iron table left the screened porch in winter and came into the kitchen by the floor furnace. All summer we had family lunches there, sipped cool lemonade, and played long Monopoly games. Sometimes one game of Monopoly would last an entire week. No one could cheat under the table, for the top was clear glass!

In the winter the table became an extra place for eating meals, completing schoolwork, or folding clothes.

Our family sat by the floor furnace to . . .

TALK AND VISIT.

A special talking time I remember was one cold December day in 1949. "Mother, I want to join the church," I announced. My aunt AnnaBell was there. She and Mother quizzed me thoroughly on what it meant to be a Christian. I remember the warmth of the conversation, the heat from the floor furnace, and the emotional and spiritual inner glow I felt.

A favorite time of mine was when Daddy would bring home a few stalks of sugar cane. The crisp Autumn nights were cold enough for the floor furnace. We'd sit around on our kitchen stools and Daddy peeled and cut the sugar cane with his small pocket case knife. I remember the sound as he cut, cut, cut around the purple and green can stalk. He peeled back the bark, cut the piece of cane into fourths, and gave it to us. We chewed the sugar out of the sugar cane and threw away the pulp. Our hands always reached for more before he had time to cut the next section. We talked as we waited. What a childhood treat!

Today visiting friends with space heaters or open fireplaces, I instinctively "back up" to them to get warm. Yes, modern central heating systems are efficient. But I wonder if we didn't lose something important in our homes when we gave up a central place of winter warmth!

Names In The News

The 1975 Minutes of Lauderdale Baptist Association were dedicated to M. F. Rayburn, who died March 27, 1975. Mr. Rayburn was a deacon at Southside Side Church, Meridian, for 47 years. He was moderator of Lauderdale Association in 1957-58 and was president of the Mississippi Baptist Convention in 1959-60. He died in Kosciusko while carrying out a committee assignment for the state Baptist convention.

Mr. and Mrs. Billy L. Montgomery, newly appointed missionaries to Ghana, have arrived on the field (address: Box 1933, Kumasi, Ghana). In 1975, he was minister of youth and education at First



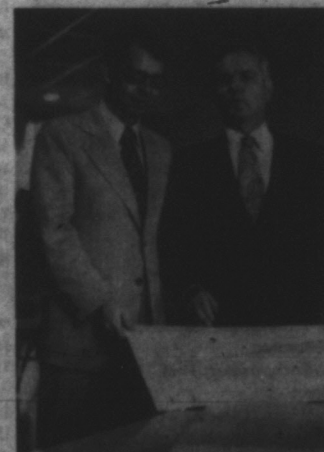
FOR ACCOUNTING — Dave Fowler (center) of Jackson, managing partner for Peat, Marwick, Mitchell and Co., CPA, presented a sizeable check for the Mississippi College accounting department during a recent visit to the campus. He praised the department for the work it is doing in training young accountants. Present for the gift presentation were, from the left, Dr. Charles Martin, vice-president for academic affairs; Dr. D. Gray Miley, dean of the School of Business and Public Administration; Mr. Fowler; Dr. Lewis Nobles, college president; and Martin Davis, head of the accounting department. (M. C. Photo by Norman H. Gough)

Calvary Church, Greenwood Dr. J. Clark Hensley of

Dr. Jerome F. Leavell, professor of law at the Mississippi College School of Law, has been appointed to a panel of 125 consultants to the National Commission for the Protection of Biomedical and Behavioral Research. Dr. Leavell was appointed by the Center of Technology Assessment of the New Jersey Institute of Technology and Policy Research.

Margie (Mrs. James R.) Allen, emeritus Southern Baptist missionary to Brazil, died in Greenville, S. C., following apparent heart attack, Feb. 5. She was 81 years old.

Dr. H. C. Chiles, veteran Kentucky pastor and writer, will join the faculty of the Clear Creek Baptist School, Pineville, Ky., March 2, as a guest professor of New Testament. A



Odean Puckett (left) of Natchez, president of the state Southern Seminary Alumni Association in Mississippi, talks with seminary president Duke K. McCall during a recent meeting of state alumni presidents in the Louisville, Ky., campus. (Southern Seminary Photo)

Sharon Elise Breaux has been awarded a Presidential Scholarship to Mississippi College for the 1976-77 school year according to Dr. Van D. Quick. Miss Breaux is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Jerry L. Breaux of Bogalusa, La. Her father is pastor of First Baptist Church of Bogalusa.

Anne McWilliams, editorial associate, the Baptist Record, is author of an article in March Church Training, titled, "The Lady Who Loves to Laugh — Originator of Primary BYPU." The story is about Mrs. J. C. Greene of Vicksburg. Mrs. McWilliams is also author of an article in March Outreach, called "One Mexican Church Reaches Out to 2,000 Children."

Bob Reno is the new minister of education at Briarwood Drive Church, Jackson. Mr. Reno

When The Signs Have Been Turned

Stranger than fiction is the story of what happened to a couple out in Utah some time ago. They had a three-day vacation and went camping.

They followed the signs faithfully to their destination but when they arrived, they had not come to the place they had intended. They were lost in Last Chance Creek Canyon near the Arizona State Line. Their car stuck in the uncertain sands of the creek bottom and they could not pry it out. They had no idea how far they were from civilization. Seven days later, suffering from dehydration and malnutrition, as well as exhaustion, they learned they had gotten as far as 70 miles away from the nearest town.

This couple, in their seventies, set forth to walk out, without food. They found plenty of seepage water to drink and had driftwood for fires at night but nothing to eat. Happy coincidences caused them to be rescued.

Now this story has enough drama in it, but there was a reason for the pair becoming lost. They had a map and followed it all the way but they had gone in the opposite direction from that

marked on their map!

Some irresponsible person had deliberately turned around the sign at a cross road. What a malicious sense of humor! And, then when he read in the newspaper the perilous happenings to this couple who had followed the pointing signboard to their near-death, don't you suppose this person had some real deep-down chuckles from this. How foolish of anyone to follow the wrong signs!

All through life there will be people tampering with the "signs." We can have perfectly good maps, but if the crucial signs have been turned around, we will invariably find ourselves where we never intended. Sometimes this can be fatal.

So many of the youth today are still looking for adults to point out proper signs for them. Tragically, many adults have altered the signs so anyone following them will become hopelessly lost.

All this may be a big joke to the "sign alterers" but it is never a joke to the one who loses his way because of such actions.

—W. H. Ross, in "Mountain Views"

Americans United Names Gunn Executive Director

Silver Spring, Maryland (C-SNS) — The National Advisory Council of Americans United for Separation of Church and State, meeting at the 28th National Conference on Church and State, today named Mr. Andrew Leigh Gunn executive director of the religious liberty organization effective April 1. Mr. Gunn will become the organization's second executive director, replacing Dr. Glenn L. Archer, who has served in that capacity since the establishment of Americans United in 1948.

Mr. Gunn has been actively involved with religious liberty concerns since his ordination to the United Methodist ministry in 1955 by Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, one of the founders of Americans United.

A graduate of Oberlin College, Mr. Gunn received his Master of

Divinity degree at Yale University in 1955 and has pursued advanced studies at American University and Lancaster Theological Seminary.

Mr. Gunn served as pastor of the Indian Head (Maryland) Methodist Church, from 1955 to 1961 and as pastor of Grace United Methodist Church in Gaithersburg, Maryland, from 1961 until 1976.

Mr. Gunn's statement of acceptance follows: "I am very pleased to accept the executive directorship of Americans United for Separation of Church and State. I am fervently committed to religious liberty and strict adherence to the First Amendment to the Constitution, and will do all in my power to continue the great work of Americans United. Dr. Glenn L. Archer has made Americans United the great

Seminary Sponsors England Trip

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Southern Seminary will sponsor a 22-day trip to England in July. Topic of study for the trip, which can result in four hours of seminary or college credit, is "The Advance of Evangelistic Spirit in Post Reformation Europe."

Taught by Dr. Lewis Drummond, Billy Graham Associate Professor of Evangelism, the trip will include special tours and lectures at Cambridge and Oxford Universities.

guardian of religious liberty and it is my prayer that I shall be able to carry on in this tradition as his successor.

Let the word go forth again in this Bicentennial year that Americans United is the advocate and not the adversary of religious people who treasure religious liberty. Separation of church and state is essential to this freedom and we must insist that it be kept inviolate. There will be no malice on our part as we seek to preserve this great constitutional principle. However, I shall not hesitate to speak out when religious freedom is in jeopardy. Over the last 25 years many ramifications to the First Amendment have developed. Therefore, we will continue to need a knowledgeable and skillful staff to deal with the many issues of great importance now before us. We will also need your strong and continuing support.

Our task at Americans United is clear. We must work unstintingly for the preservation of religious liberty as our nation begins its third century of existence. With God's help, we will not fail."

Baptists Win Fight Against Memphis Expansion Curb

MEMPHIS (BP) — The Memphis religious community, led by the Shelby Baptist Association, has won the first round in an effort by the Memphis City Council to impose restrictions upon churches wanting to locate or expand in residential areas.

At a public hearing attended by about 200 clergy and lay persons, the Memphis and Shelby County Planning Commission rejected by a vote of 5 to 3 a staff recommendation which would require churches wanting to begin work in residential neighborhoods or to build additions to get special permits from the City Council.

The planning body's decision was passed on to the City Council for its concurrence or for new action pursuing the restrictions.

Councilman Fred Davis, a black insurance man, said he initiated the request for stiffer requirements for churches after constituents in his district complained black congregations were creating noise and parking problems in starting churches in houses.

At Davis's request, the planning commission staff prepared proposed changes in zoning ordinances calling for new church buildings or additions in residential areas to meet these five conditions:

- (1) Occupy not more than 30 percent of the total area of the lot.
- (2) Observe existing setbacks from side and rear property lines, plus not less than one foot for each foot of building height.
- (3) Provide off street parking at the rear or side of the building at the rate of one space for each five seats in the sanctuary.
- (4) Submit a site plan incorporating all requirements and conditions imposed by the planning committee.
- (5) Agree to meet any additional conditions imposed by the City Council.

In a prepared statement to the planning body, Shelby County Baptists called proposal unconstitutional and a violation of the

Court Sentences Paynter To Four-Year Term

BENTON, Ill. (BP) — James A. Paynter, 34, former business manager of the Illinois Baptist Children's Home in Carmi, entered a plea of guilty here in the U. S. district court, and was sentenced to four years in prison by U. S. Judge William G. Juergens of Chester.

Paynter pled guilty to a one-count indictment by the FBI for interstate transportation of stolen property.

After Paynter suddenly disappeared on August 31, 1974, it was discovered that he had deposited two checks from estates totaling \$4,000 and \$32,721, which had been intended for the children's home, in fictitious accounts in Evansville, Ind., banks.

In turn, Paynter reportedly used funds from the Evansville accounts on August 30, 1974, to make a large payment on a home to move to the Springfield offices of the Illinois Baptist State Association to assume responsibility for data processing and bookkeeping of all the association's funds.

Court personnel told the Illinois Baptist that Paynter was taken immediately to the county jail of either Williamson or St. Clair counties. He will be assigned to a federal penitentiary.

Any decision regarding parole is in the hands of the U. S. Board of Parole.

Paynter still faces three indictments returned by the White County grand jury, where the children's home is located. A court spokesman said that plea bargaining is in effect on those charges, but that no decision has been reached.

Last June, the U. S. Fidelity and Guaranty Company reimbursed the Illinois Baptist State Association \$67,323, which partially covered the embezzlement. An audit of the children's home records, made after Paynter disappeared, revealed \$103,753 in funds missing between January 1, 1972, and August 31, 1974. The audit did not cover any records prior to January 1, 1972. Paynter became business manager of the home in 1967.

Leon Talley, social services director for the home, said it is his understanding that Mr. and Mrs. Paynter have been living in Monroe, La., where he has been managing a Pizza Hut. Talley also said it is his understanding the Paynters had joined a Presbyterian church in Monroe.



NASHVILLE—THE BROADMAN JUVENILE BOOKS COMMITTEE is comprised of professionals in Southern Baptist children's work and publishing. Shown following the first of the committee's monthly meetings are (top row, l to r) Tom Seale, supervisor of the Broadman art section; Eldon Boone, supervisor of the preschool section, Sunday School department; Don Fearhelly, supervisor of Broadman's advertising section; Carl Prentice, a merchandiser for Broadman; (middle row, l to r) Joseph Green, Broadman's product development coordinator; Mrs. Muriel Blackwell, supervisor of the children's section, Sunday School department; Mrs. Lillian Patterson, supervisor-office assistant for the Broadman products department; Mrs. Richie Whaley, an editor of children's curriculum materials in the church training department; (bottom row l to r) Grace Allred, a copy editor for Broadman; Lee Holloway, editor of Crusader materials for the Brotherhood Commission; Robert Fulbright, manager of the Broadman products department; Mrs. Iva Jewell Tucker, editor of Girls in Action Materials for Woman's Missionary Union; and Johnnie Godwin, supervisor of the Broadman books and music section.

Broadman Press Re-Enters Juvenile Books Market

NASHVILLE — After several years' absence from the juvenile books market, Broadman Press has announced plans to resume publication of juvenile books beginning in the Summer of 1976.

According to Robert G. Fulbright, manager of the Broadman products department, and Johnnie Godwin, supervisor of the Broadman books and music section, plans now call for the initial publication to be known as the Bible Series, a collection of books which will deal with the lives of Bible characters.

Serving as liaison between the Broadman Division of the Sunday School Board and denominational workers in the area of church program organizations is the newly created Broadman Juvenile Books Committee. Comprised of Brotherhood Commission, Woman's Missionary Union, and Sunday School Board preschool and children's workers, along with Broadman Press staff members, the committee will fulfill several functions. Committee members will advise in determining juvenile books needed in Southern Baptist churches and homes, discover and recommend authors for juvenile books, and explore avenues for effective marketing of juvenile books.

According to Fulbright and Godwin, the committee will have additional responsibilities in communications information through appropriate channels regarding Broadman juvenile books, evaluating existing books and manuscripts under consideration, and suggesting Broadman products appropriate for the juvenile market.

Individuals and churches desiring to communicate with the committee may write to Johnnie Godwin, Broadman Products Department, 127 Ninth Avenue, North, Nashville, Tennessee 37234.

Group Charges Russian Preacher Put To Death

KESTON, Kent, England (BP) — A group known as the Council of Baptist Prisoners' Relatives in the Soviet Union has charged that the death of a 47-year-old Reform Baptist preacher "was deliberate . . . a result of torture," according to a report from the Centre for the Study of Religion and Communism at Keston College here.

The Centre reported that Ivan Vasilievich Biblenko from the town of Krivoi Rog, died "under mysterious circumstances in the Ukraine."

Using documents from the Council of Baptist Prisoners' Relatives and from friends and relatives of the deceased, the Centre reported that Biblenko was arrested in 1972 because of his activities as a preacher and sentenced to three years.

"In the camp, our brother experienced continual acts of oppression, both from the camp administration and the KGB staff, and from the prisoners," one of the documents said. "The KGB workers continually tried to persuade him to collaborate with them. The prisoners, incited by the administration, beat him . . ."

He was threatened by incarceration in a psychiatric hospital."

The documents said Biblenko, who was finally released but kept under surveillance disappeared for two weeks after leaving on a bus, September 13, 1975, to go from Krivoi Rog to Dnepropetrovsk.

Two weeks later, relatives, who had searched widely for him, were told that he had died on September 24 in a Dnepropetrovsk hospital of injuries received in a road accident.

The nature of the extensive wounds on the body and conflicting accounts of his condition when he entered the hospital, the Centre for the study of Religion and Communism reported, have caused friends and relatives to reject official reports of Biblenko's death.

At the Smithsonian Institute, see two of the most valuable coins, and one of the rarest . . . the largest colored diamond (the 44-carat, blue Hope Diamond) . . . the largest land animal (a 13-foot-tall African Elephant).

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Action—More Than Motion

By Thomas M. Hall, Pastor First, Purvis

When the fundamental principle of ACTION is really seen, one exclaims, "Why did I not discover this in the fifties when we were putting the 'Flake Formula' to work and getting good results?" ACTION is not mere shop-talk or busy-work for a lagging Sunday School. Action gets to the primary business of reaching people for Bible Study and Jesus Christ.

First Baptist Church, Purvis, began Action when the pastor and the Sunday School director prayerfully sought ways to reach numbers of persons known to be in our community but not in Bible study anywhere. This was known by our last survey and by personal contact in the field.

The pastor attended the Action meeting provided by our state Sunday School Department. Andy Anderson present-

ed Action, and the Holy Spirit challenged the venture. Materials in the Action Kit provided the information. Action became a reality.

Materials from the Action kit were mastered by the pastor and Sunday School director, Dr. Bob Parker, and then passed on to others who were vitally concerned about Sunday School growth. Dates were set and an overview of the plans tailored for our community was established.

January 11, 1976 the Sunday School met for an Action Assembly. Excitement was high: 104 persons pledged themselves to enrolling 514. January 25 the Task Force went into action. February 1, 1976 Sunday School enrollment climbed from 522 to 742! As of this date there have been 156 new persons enrolled in the Bible teaching program, through Action, more, more, far more than motion!

Southwestern Gets \$180,000 Grant

FORT WORTH (BP) — Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary will receive a \$180,000 grant from the Sallie Krawcheck Charitable Trust Fund.

A San Antonio native, Mrs. Holland had been a member of the First Baptist Church there since 1903, until her recent death. She was reportedly very interested in missions and the training of young ministers.

Besides the grant to the seminary, First Church in San Antonio received \$40,000 for use in missions projects.



Beyond the Ironing Board

Wilda Fancher

It's February, but there is a touch of all seasons in the air today — the slowness of a spring breeze whose edge has the feel of winter, the brightness of an autumn day whose glow has the gold of summer. It's an all-kind of day, an every-kind of day, a day neither all-good or all-bad.

It's a sort-of-like-life day, all mingled. A day when you find that right at the edge of something sad lies a joy. Just under a smile there's a tear. Lining an accomplishment is a failure. Hidden behind a dumb idea you find one that will work. Trying to crowd out love is jealousy or selfishness. The rolls rise; the cake falls. You've lost two pounds; friends invite you to eat fried oysters. The bills all get paid; the transmission goes to pieces. You hit a sale rack of three-dollar blouses; you rip the pocket of your new coat.

On a February day like today, the secret is to put on a sweater if the chill gets to you and wear sunshades if the brightness does. No need to shiver and squint all day.

That's the best way to face life-days, too. No need to shiver and squint through them. That way, you miss the warmth and wonder of them. Feed the cake to the birds; eat the rolls. Count your friends today and your calories tomorrow. And so on.

Every day is one the Lord made. Rejoice and be glad in it, and tuck your gladness away for remembering.

Prayer Lift For Pastors: Feb. 22-28

Covington

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Feb. 23 Dalton Craft, New Hope
Gene May, Ora
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Jerry Windsor, Seminary
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Feb. 24 George King, Willow Grove

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Gail Burbeck, Center Hill
J. D. Nazary, Colonial Hills
Billy Selby, Days
William Stewart, DeSoto Woods
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Rolla Utley, Jr., Pleasant Hill
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Sam Stallings, Jr., Trinity
Ralph Stovall, Twin Lake Chapel
Franklin
Harold Anderson, Bude, First
Feb. 28 Sherrill Lofton, Bunkley
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Dean Timbes, Hopewell
Kenneth Jourdan, Meadville
Eddie Hamilton, New Hope
Franklin Haire, Providence
Horace Carpenter, Roxie.

The Way Of Forgiveness

By William J. Fallis
Matthew 18

What did the crowds remember most about Jesus, his miracles or his teachings? Well, we cannot



know, but they were probably more impressed by his healing power than by what he said. To which did Matthew give more space? Of course, the wonders he performed were remarkable, but the Gospel writer realized that Jesus was trying to show people, not how to work miracles but how to live the God-centered life. Especially in these February lessons have we been examining new standards of conduct for the person in the Kingdom. A basic characteristic of that kind of life is the practice of forgiveness. It begins with an attitude, but it must actually be a practice if it is to be real.

The Lesson Explained
A Surprising Answer
(vv. 21-22)

Earlier in this chapter Jesus

had been describing the way to deal with a "brother" who cheats or harms another. Peter in these verses seemed to want Jesus to be more specific. Ancient codes did not advise or require much forgiveness. Therefore, Peter probably felt he was being most generous in suggesting "seven times" as the limit. But Jesus saw in it a fault in attitude, and he countered with a fantastic proposal. Of course he did not mean that anyone would keep a record and refuse to forgive the 49th offense. He was saying that there is no limit for the truly forgiving spirit.

A Pointed Story
(vv. 23-30)

Jesus then told a dramatic little story. A certain king decided it was time to check the accounts of the officers of his realm. One man was brought in who owed the king millions of dollars. Since he was not prepared to settle such a mammoth debt, the king commanded that the man, his family, and all his possessions be sold to make some kind of settlement. Then the man threw himself on the floor and begged for mercy.

In a gesture of great generosity, the king "forgave him the debt."

Probably still rubbing his wrists where the shackles had been, that servant of the king then found a fellow servant who owed him about twenty dollars and demanded payment at once. Now the king's servant was standing up, and someone else was at his feet begging for time. Without any regret, he let the law take its course. Judgment On The Unforgiving (vv. 31-35)

The story could have ended there and most people would have caught part of the point. But Jesus did not stop; the whole thing must be clear. Other men who worked under the king reported what had happened, and the "unmerciful servant" was quickly called into court. The king confronted him: "You scoundrel! . . . Were you not bound to show your fellow-servant the same pity as I showed you?" (NEB). Then he sent him to jail until he would pay his enormous debt.

In verse 35 Jesus told what this parable means. The king represents God, and the king's servant is Everyman. In a thousand ways

Clinton Men Writing History Of Mississippi College Rifles

In 1861, 108 men ventured out from the security of the Mississippi College campus to the blood-red battlefields of the Civil War. They called themselves the Mississippi College Rifles.

Some of the young men were looking for adventure. For some it was a job. For all, it was undeviating support for a cause which they felt was right and true.

In the summer of 1865, eight returned.

Dr. Frank Hood, assistant professor in the School of Business and Public Administration at Mississippi College, and William C.

Wright, historical archeologist for the State Department of Archives and History, are performing extensive research on the M. C. Rifles. Their findings on the subject will be published this spring in a book that the two men are co-authoring.

Dr. Hood and Mr. Wright have been accumulating information on the Civil War regiment since last February. Their interest was spurred by reading a stone marker that is erected in memory of the Rifles.

The book should be ready for publication early this spring.

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by David Smith

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Sunday School Lesson: Life And Work-

When Is It Wrong To Do Right?

By Bill Duncan
Matthew 23:1-39

Do you think Jesus knew the principles of "How to make friends and influence people?"

Everytime you turn a page in Matthew, Jesus is in conflict with the Scribes and the Pharisees. In the passage we are studying now, the anger of Jesus is expressed in wrath with the Scribes and Pharisees. It may be good for us to see what they stood for before we see what Jesus said.

All Jewish religion is based upon the Ten Commandments which is the summation of the Pentateuch, the Law, and the first five books of the Old Testament. After the nation of the Jews broke and forsook the Law, God allowed them to go back to bondage. After Babylon, the people, under the prophets Ezra and Nehemiah, began to study the Law and keep it with new dedication.

The study of the law became the greatest of all professions. The men whose business it was to study the Law were the Scribes. The great principles of the law were broken down to thousands of rules and regulations to guard against breaking the Law. The Scribes became the "lawyers" who said what the law intended.

About 180 years before Christ was born, the Pharisees arose to offset attempt to stamp out the Jewish religion by Greek influence. The name Pharisee meant, "The Separated Ones"; and they were the men who dedicated their whole life to the careful and meticulous observance of every rule and regulation which the Scribes worked out. By the time of Jesus Christ, there were 6000 religious rules. It was a plain fact that if a man was going to accept and carry out every rule, he did not have time for anything else so he separated himself from ordinary life in order to keep the law.

Thus, the Pharisee became dedicated legalists and they were earnest about their religion when Jesus began his work. He was a threat to the Scribes and Pharisees because of his training, his attitude toward the many rules such as observance of the Sabbath and his growing popularity. The Pharisee may have thought he would destroy their world.

Barclay says we do not have to

shoulder so that everyone could see how good and pure he was.

(2) The Wait-a-little Pharisee could always produce an entirely valid excuse for putting off a good deed. He spoke, but he did not do.

(3) The Bruised or Bleeding Pharisee is the self-afflicting person that would avoid looking at women to the extent that they shut their eyes and bumped into walls, buildings, and obstruction. Of course they bruised and wounded themselves; and their wounds gained them special reputation for exceeding piety.

(4) The Hamp-backed Pharisee were their ostentatious humility or self-advertising pretentious display.

(5) The Ever-reckoning or Compounding Pharisee is always adding up his goodness or good deeds in order to put God a little further in his debt. To him religion was always to be reckoned in terms of profit and loss accounting.

(6) The Timid or Fearing Pharisee is always in dread of divine punishment. He saw religion in terms of judgement and life in terms of terror-stricken evasion of this judgment.

(7) The God-fearing Pharisee is the Pharisee who truly loves God and finds his delight in obedience of the Law of God, no matter how difficult that Law might be. This is the good one and the other six

are bad types.

Jesus was angry at the Pharisees because their actions and customs had become almost inevitably a religion of pretense; drawing attention to themselves rather than God. While they were religious on the outside, their hearts were full of bitterness, envy, pride, and arrogance.

Jesus accused the Pharisees of being missionaries of evil. Their separation toward Gentiles and other persons showed they were not trying to lead people to God but to Pharisaism. The Pharisee kept the trifles of the Law, and forgot the things that really mattered like love and faith. They lost their sense of proportion.

The tragedy of our study is that of rejected love. The capital of religion rejected as they had before the revelation of God for their own idea of what God wanted them to do. Of course they got more out of their way of religion because of its design; but, God was not in their ways. In the name of religion, they attempted to know God, but Jesus said if they had known God, they would have believed on him. The Scribes and Pharisees were in control of the Jewish religion of Jesus Christ's day. So when they led the people to reject and crucify Jesus Christ, they thought they were doing right but God only used them to accomplish His will for the world.

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Announcing To Mississippi Baptists:

Five Baptist deacons have opened an eating establishment known as "Troy's Fish House" on old U. S. Highway 51, two miles north of the city limits of Jackson, at Ridgeland, Mississippi. We would like to invite each of you to visit this facility because we believe we are offering the fine food and Christian atmosphere you've been looking for.

Our aim for the business, as well as our lives, is to glorify God. Our policy is NO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES on the premises. This is stated on our signs and menus. We are not open on Sunday.

"The Statue Of Liberty Symbolizes Greatness"

Phil Clampitt, a college student speaking on "What Makes America Great," said the Statue of Liberty symbolizes our greatness.

The Robe symbolizes opportunity; just as the robe covers our Lady of Liberty, so opportunity covers America. We have opportunity to laugh, cry, succeed, fail, to be what we want — not what others want us to be.

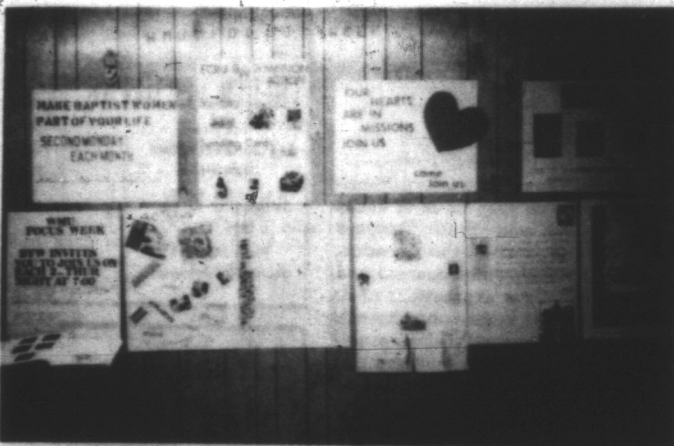
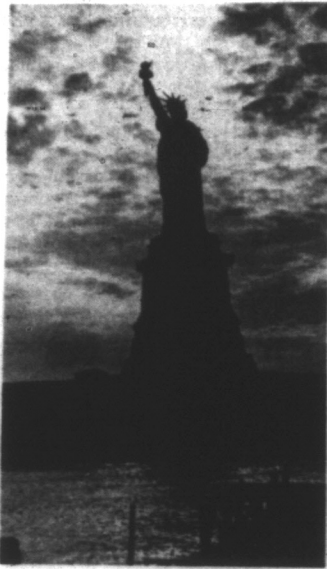
The Tablet is the symbol of law; much like Moses' tablet of God's law. We are governed by law. No man is above the law.

The Torch reminds us that a few men were convinced "It is better to light a torch, than to curse the darkness." Lincoln when asked if God was on his side during the Civil War, replied, "The question must be, Am I on God's side?"

The Crown with its spike-like giant sunrays reminds us of another crown less beautiful but more significant — the crown of thorns. The Lady of Liberty causes us to think of Christ, of God and our freedom of religion.

Our system of government, our people and our heritage are significant.

—Greater Pittsburgh Baptist Assoc.



Posters Advertise Missions Meetings

During WMU Focus Week, Feb. 8-14, the hallway of the Ecu church was a scene of posters from each organization. Special emphasis was given in the morning service by the pastor, Rev. Charles Stubblefield, who presented certificates of merit achievements to Mission Friends, Girls in Action, Baptist Young Women, Baptist Women and ADVANCED certificate for the WMU. The Baptist Young Women and Baptist Women made up the choir for the morning worship service. Mrs. Mabel McGee is the Baptist Women's director.



Brooklyn Burns Pastorium Note

Note burning and dedication services were held February 1, for First Church, Brooklyn's pastorium. The home was paid for several years ahead of scheduled time as members raised \$5,000 during December and January to pay off the mortgage. The church is debt free now. Dr. A. T. Walker, supply pastor, led in the services.

Temple, H. Burg To Honor Pastor On Fifth Anniversary

On February 22, members of Temple Church, Hattiesburg, will honor their pastor, Rev. Kermit D. McGregor, and his family on their fifth anniversary of service to the church and community. Following the evening service there will be a reception in the church's fellowship hall, at 8:15. The public is invited.

Under Mr. McGregor's leadership, the church opened a youth house in 1972, and called their first youth director, Greg Martin. A 1973 first for the church was a pictorial directory. The church has established a Long Range Planning Committee.

In 1971, Mr. McGregor came, the total church enrollment was 1949 with an average of 432 attending Sunday School. As of September, 1975, the church enrollment was 2237 with an average of 553 attending Sunday School. They have started a New Members' Class.

In September, 1973, a kindergarten under the direction of Mrs. Nelle Carr, with thirty-one children.

In January, 1973, Pastor McGregor was named by the Hattiesburg Jaycees as their Outstanding Young Man of the Year.



Central Receives Distinguished CT Award

Central, Brookhaven, has been awarded the Distinguished Church Training Award by the state Church Training Department. The high attendance record for the church was broken three times in 1975 with the highest being 185 with an enrollment of 201.

Personal visitation was the main emphasis of promotion. Left to right, front row: Phillip West, Outreach leader, youth Department; Mrs. Morgan McLain, outreach leader, pre-school; John T. Case, Church Training outreach leader. Back row left to right: Doug Patrick, Church Training director; Don Cothern, outreach leader, Adult; Rev. H. Glen Schilling, pastor.



\$25,000 Given To European Seminary

Meiga and Leta Goltzman of Canada, formerly of St. Louis, Mo., present a check for \$25,000 to Dr. Penrose St. Amant, president of Baptist Theological Seminary, Ruschlikon, Switzerland, to establish an endowed scholarship at the seminary which was founded and is supported by the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. The fund will be used to help worthy students chosen by the seminary president. Antti and Solveig Marjanen of Finland are the first recipients. The Goltzman gift is the largest single private contribution made to the institution in its 25-year history.

Executives Urge Support Of CIA Involvement Limit

WASHINGTON (BP) — In the wake of allegations that some American missionaries overseas have worked with or for the Central Intelligence Agency, two Baptist executives have urged Christians to support legislation that would legally bar any operational connections between the U. S. government agency and missionaries.

James E. Wood Jr., a Southern Baptist, and Chester J. Jump Jr., an American Baptist, in separate statements, have called for a support of the legislation, introduced by U. S. Sen. Mark O. Hatfield (R-Ore.) to prohibit the CIA from seeking the intelligence information from missionaries and from appropriating funds for such purposes.

Wood, executive director of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs in Washington, called use of missionaries by the CIA "a flagrant violation of the U. S. Constitution. It tarnishes not only the presence of the U. S. in foreign countries, but it erodes the credibility of missionaries themselves."

"By using missionaries to serve

the national interests of the United States overseas, the church is made an arm of the state and the role of religion is profaned," Wood said.

"Regrettably," Wood continued, "disclosures of these clandestine operations of the CIA came at a time when few mission agencies in the United States had any standing policies governing possible CIA use of foreign missionaries. Even with state policies prohibiting missionary collaboration with the CIA, the problem is compounded by the fact that in many cases missionaries themselves do not know at the time they are being interviewed by CIA operatives."

Wood and Jump also expressed concern that recent disclosures concerning CIA activities might prove damaging to American missionaries and clergy working overseas.

In late December, 1975, the Executive Committee of the National Council of Churches urged the organization's 31 member denominations to issue statements repudiating any intentional contact between their personnel abroad and U. S. intelligence agencies.

Devotional

America's Only Hope

By Pat Nowell, Pastor, First, Tunica
Deuteronomy 8:19,20

Almost every one has seen a meteorite flashing across the midnight blackness of the sky. But for all its resplendent brightness, the meteorite's lifetime is but for a few seconds. A multitude of nations likewise have flashed across the expanse of time, fading slowly into oblivion. The pages of history are filled with accounts of how one mighty civilization after another has risen to the zenith of power and world domination, only to be eventually toppled from its lofty perch by another nation. Historians tell us that oftentimes these nations fell to enemies from without because they first deteriorated from within.



A Most Solemn Warning

God is warning America today as emphatically as he did Israel centuries ago. He said: "If you forget the Lord your God and go after other gods and serve them and worship them, I solemnly warn you this day that you shall surely perish. Like the nations that the Lord makes to perish before you, so shall you perish, because you would not obey the voice of the Lord your God" (Deuteronomy 8:19,20). Every extinct civilization serves as an illustration of the truth of this text. Whether it be Sodom and Gomorrah, or Rome, or pre-revolutionary France, each had its own woeful record of moral decay. Will America be next? As gruesome as the thought may be, is it possible that America is on a similar downward spiral?

A Most Glorious Promise

A submarine sank off the coast of New England. After the vessel was located divers were sent down into the murky depths to determine if there was still life aboard the submarine. When one of the divers approached the sunken ship, he heard from within the submarine a message being tapped out in morse code on the side of the vessel. The message was: "Is there any hope?" The men in that sunken submarine were asking if there was any hope of being rescued. Americans today should be asking: "Is America destined to join other great civilizations in the graveyard of nations, or is there hope for us? If so, where do we find that hope?"

America's only hope lies in going to her knees before God and heeding His warning that "if you forget the Lord, . . . you shall surely perish" (Deuteronomy 8:19). We need to respond affirmatively and decisively to God's glorious promise that if we humble ourselves and pray and seek God's face, then He will forgive our sins and heal the moral and spiritual wounds of our nation (II Chronicles 7:14). I urge you to become part of the hope of America by committing your heart and life to Jesus Christ and praying for a revival that will sweep this country like a prairie fire! That is America's only hope!

"Unfortunately," Wood said, "as late as July, 1975, the only denomination known to have specifically directed its foreign personnel to 'avoid any relationship' with the CIA was the Church of the Brethren."

Both Jump and Wood, as well as the Dec. 1975 statement from the Executive Committee of the National Council of Churches in the USA, gave strong support to Seltzer Bill S 2704, which Sen. Hatfield introduced on Dec. 15, 1975.

The Southern Baptist Foreign

Mission Board, which has over 2,000 missionaries in 82 countries have a policy of avoiding political and governmental activities, a spokesman earlier told Baptist Press.

"Southern Baptist missionaries go to their fields to share the gospel of Christ and minister to human need. . . do not involve themselves in political affairs. . . We would regret to see any public policy which would make unclear the role of the missionaries the spokesman said.

Career Planning, Placement Office Created At Carey

A Career Planning and Placement Office has been established at William Carey College. In cooperation with the Mississippi State Employment Commission, the new office will keep abreast of the job market and will try to provide future career information for all graduates of the school as well as students wishing part-time employment.

Full time employment for graduating seniors and alumni throughout the area will be sought as those persons request information and leave personal data in the newly created office.

Director of the new Placement Program for the college is William E. Dick, Jr. himself a graduate of William Carey College. Bill, a native of Ocean Springs, has a double major in psychology and Bible. "Our new offices are located on the third floor of Tatum Copet."

commented Dick. "Persons desiring information should contact us by phone at 582-5051, extension 228 or write to the Carey Placement Office, Box 188, William Carey College, Hattiesburg, MS 39401."

Emmanuel, Biloxi, Calls Tronjo As Associate Pastor

Emmanuel Church, Biloxi, has ordained L. F. Tronjo and called him as associate pastor in charge of hospital ministry. In 1963, Mr. Tronjo helped to organize the Emmanuel Church.

"L. F. Tronjo accepted Christ in April, 1960, in Liberty, Missouri," says his pastor, the Rev. Joe Ivey. "He united with Second Baptist Church of Liberty. Later he received the call to preach and refused God's call only to find no peace with God or himself."

Tronjo entered William Jewell College in 1912. In 1919 he entered Pan American Business College, where he received a B. S. degree in business administration. With a major in accounting, he became a C. P. A. He also attended Kansas City University where he worked toward a master's degree in personnel management. In 1953 he helped to organize the Emmanuel Church in Biloxi, which church ordained him as a deacon in 1960.

He and his wife, Lula B. (known as "Mama Lou") have two daughters.

Rev. Joe Ivey, right, presents the certificate of ordination to L. F. Tronjo.



SBC Ministers' Wives Schedule Conference

NORFOLK (BP) — The Southern Baptist Ministers' Wives Conference, a voluntary organization of the Baptist Pastors' Conference, will meet at Freemason Baptist Church here at 12:30 p.m., June 15.

The Pastors' Conference meets June 13-14 and the main sessions of the Southern Baptist Convention, June 15-17.

The Ministers' Wives Conference program will begin with a historical skit about a Baptist minister's wife and then center on some modern women pioneers, according to Mrs. Robert L. Franklin of Cairo, Ga., president of the conference.

The program will deal with the role of ministers' wives in the home and church and as an employed person volunteer in the community.

Tickets will be available at \$4.50 each in booths in the Norfolk Scope Convention Center.

Resolution Honors Mrs. C. J. Olander

Mrs. Dollie Olander, the wife of Rev. C. J. Olander, had held the longest continuing membership in the First Baptist Church of Tehula before her death on December 27. Baptist Women of the church drew up the following resolution as a tribute to her memory:

"Her life expressed a consistent concern for her fellow Christians and for those without Christ through a dedication to her church and its world mission;

"She also expressed this concern through many years of participation and leadership in the Woman's Missionary Union;

"She not only gave of her time, prayers and loving action to further the cause of Christ, but also, with her husband, gave generously of her means to this purpose;

"First Church, Tehula, together with its Woman's Missionary Union, publicly express our gratitude to God for her exemplary Christian life."

The resolution was signed by Mrs. J. P. Love, Baptist Women's director, and Rev. Clayton Bath, pastor.



Jogs 500 Miles

Dr. James Travis (left), head of the biblical studies division at Blue Mountain College, is shown here receiving a plaque signifying the completion of jogging some 500 miles over the past two years as a part of the school's aerobics program. Making the presentation was Dr. Les Knight of BMC who organized the unique exercise program several years ago.

Mexican Baptist Seminary Begins Media Building

MEXICO CITY — Construction began recently on a \$72,000 media building at the Mexican Baptist Theological Seminary here.

The seminary library, photographic darkroom and an audio-visual production area will occupy the first floor. Studios and offices for the Baptist mass media ministry will be located on the second floor.

"The recording studio will be one of the best in Mexico City," said Southern Baptist Media Missionary David P. Daniell.

Alton Everest of Whittier, Cal., author of several books on acoustics, was the consulting engineer. The building should be completed by mid-July, according to Architect Ranferi Gomez Maldonado.

Dr. Phillips McCarty, director of the Department of Religious Education at Mississippi College, speaks in the place of Dr. Lewis Nobles, president of the college, who was ill.

The Colorado has the most rapid rapids, and has cut the largest gorge — the Grand Canyon.